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(ii) From subsections (d) and (f) because providing access to records of a civil or administrative investigation and the right to contest the contents of those records and force changes to be made to the information contained therein would seriously interfere with and thwart the orderly and unbiased conduct of the investigation and impede case preparation. Providing access rights normally afforded under the Privacy Act would provide the subject with valuable information that would allow interference with or compromise of witnesses or render witnesses reluctant to cooperate; lead to suppression, alteration, or destruction of evidence; enable individuals to conceal their wrongdoing or mislead the course of the investigation; and result in the secreting of or other disposition of assets that would make them difficult or impossible to reach in order to satisfy any Government claim growing out of the investigation or proceeding.

(iii) From subsection (e)(1) because it is not always possible to detect the relevance or necessity of each piece of information in the early stages of an investigation. In some cases, it is only after the information is evaluated in light of other evidence that its relevance and necessity will be clear.

(iv) From subsections (e)(4)(G) and (H) because this system of records is compiled for investigative purposes and is exempt from the access provisions of subsections (d) and (f).

(v) From subsection (e)(4)(I) because to the extent that this provision is construed to require more detailed disclosure than the broad, generic information currently published in the system notice, an exemption from this provision is necessary to protect the confidentiality of sources of information and to protect privacy and physical safety of witnesses and informants.

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§ 323.1 Purpose and scope.

This part 323 implements the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and DoD Directive and DoD Regulation 5400.11, Department of Defense Privacy Program (32 CFR part 286a). It applies to Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency (HQ DLA) and all DLA field activities.

§ 323.2 Policy.

It is the policy of DLA to safeguard personal information contained in any system of records maintained by DLA activities and to make that information available to the individual to whom it pertains to the maximum extent practicable. DLA policy specifically requires that DLA activities:

- (a) Collect, maintain, use, and disseminate personal information only when it is relevant and necessary to achieve a purpose required by statute or Executive Order.
- (b) Collect personal information directly from the individuals to whom it pertains to the greatest extent practical.
- (c) Inform individuals who are asked to supply personal information for inclusion in any system of records:
- (1) The authority for the solicitation.
 (2) Whether furnishing the informa-
- tion is mandatory or voluntary.
 (3) The intended uses of the information.

- (4) The routine disclosures of the information that may be made outside DoD.
- (5) The effect on the individual of not providing all of any part of the requested information.
- (d) Ensure that all records used in making determinations about individuals are accurate, relevant, timely, and complete.
- (e) Make reasonable efforts to ensure that records containing personal information are accurate, relevant, timely, and complete for the purposes for which they are being maintained before making them available to any recipients outside DoD, other than a Federal agency, unless the disclosure is made under DLAR 5400.14, DLA Freedom of Information Act Program (32 CFR part 1285).
- (f) Keep no record that describes how individuals exercise their rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, unless expressly authorized by statute or by the individual to whom the records pertain or is pertinent to and within the scope of an authorized law enforcement activity.
- (g) Make reasonable efforts, when appropriate, to notify individuals whenever records pertaining to them are made available under compulsory legal process, if such process is a matter of public record.
- (h) Establish safeguards to ensure the security of personal information and to protect this information from threats or hazards that might result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to the individual.
- (i) Establish rules of conduct for DoD personnel involved in the design, development, operation, or maintenance of any system of records and train them in these rules of conduct.
- (j) Assist individuals in determining what records pertaining to them are being collected, maintained, used, or disseminated.
- (k) Permit individual access to the information pertaining to them maintained in any system of records, and to correct or amend that information, unless an exemption for the system has been properly established for an important public purpose.

- (1) Provide, on request, an accounting of all disclosures of the information pertaining to them except when disclosures are made:
- (1) To DoD personnel in the course of their official duties.
- $\left(2\right)$ Under 32 CFR part 1285 (DLAR 5400.14).
- (m) Advise individuals on their rights to appeal any refusal to grant access to or amend any record pertaining to them, and to file a statement of disagreement with the record in the event amendment is refused.

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§ 323.3 Definitions.

- (a) Access. The review of a record or a copy of a record or parts thereof in a system of records by any individual.
- (b) Agency. For the purpose of disclosing records subject to the Privacy Act among DoD Components, the Department of Defense is considered a single agency. For all other purposes including applications for access and amendment, denial of access or amendment, appeals from denials, and record-keeping as regards release to non-DoD agencies, DLA is considered an agency within the meaning of the Privacy Act.
- (c) Confidential source. A person or organization who has furnished information to the Federal Government under an express promise that the person's or the organization's identity will be held in confidence or under an implied promise of such confidentiality if this implied promise was made before September 27, 1975.
- (d) Disclosure. The transfer of any personal information from a system of records by any means of communication to any person, private entity, or Government agency, other than the subject of the record, the subject's designated agent or the subject's legal guardian.
- (e) Individual. A living citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. The legal guardian of an individual has the same rights as the individual and may act on his or her behalf.